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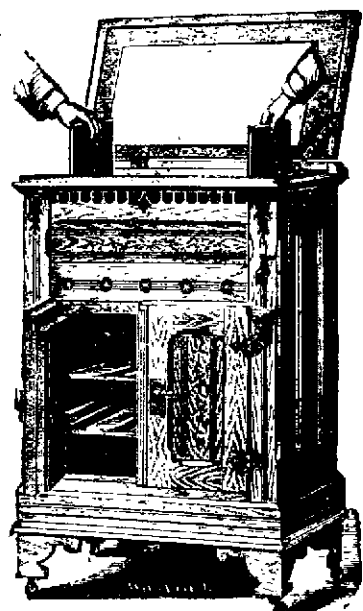
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NOTICE.—The Wheat entered for competition to be retained by us, but we agree to give in return a 25 lb. sack of DAILY BREAD Flour for each bushel of Wheat entered.

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144 EAST MAIN ST.

Stock Complete.

PRICES LOW.

Special attention given to High Grade

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TELEPHONE NO. 36.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE W. SHARP, of Blue Mount township, as a candidate for Sheriff, subject to the action of the Republican county convention.

TUESDAY EVE, JUNE 24, 1890.

LOCAL NEWS.

SQUARES AND CHURNS in sterling silver, new and pretty patterns.

E. D. BATHOLMEW & CO.

Smoke the "Gem."

OSBORNE makes the Little Corporal.

Use White Loaf and Daily Bread flour.

LATEST summer novels at Woe's book store.

It is here—the Little Corporal cigar.

The funeral of Mrs. Doyle took place this forenoon from the Catholic church.

Smoke the "Gem."

A Douglas county man recently sold his last cow to pay the cost of a law suit over some chickens.

J. J. Wilson has the contract for building the handsome stone coal house for Ed. L. Martin, on North Main street.

The Grand Opera House cigars, made by Keck & Weigand, are the best in town.

A 10-YEAR boy named Brinkman, son of a German farmer living in Locust township, Christian county, was struck with lightning Sunday evening and instantly killed.

PICTURES to suit you can be had at Den Chamberlain's photograph gallery.

The delegates to the Republican congressional convention will be in Decatur tomorrow to name the winning candidate for Congress in the Fourteenth district.

ORDER the celebrated White Foam flour. It is here.

THE work on the Warren Street school house has been stopped because of the non-arrival of two carloads of stone expected from Indiana.

If you would make your wife or daughter happy select one of those superb Haines, Everett or Sterling pianos at C. B. Prescott's music store.

TAKE the One Dollar Excursion to Springfield on Friday. Train leaves Decatur at 8 o'clock a. m. and leaves Springfield at 8 o'clock p. m.

J. R. GORIN has purchased the residence property at No. 328 Prairie Avenue of Mrs. I. C. Pugh for \$5000. Mrs. Pugh has again taken possession of her old home at 809 North Main street.

On Thursday evening, June 28th, the ladies of the Antioch Baptist congregation will give an ice cream and cake social at the church on Spring Avenue, to which all are cordially invited. 24-3

THE members of the colored Methodist and Antioch Baptist churches will unite in a union picnic on July 4th at King's Orchard. Eminent colored orators will be secured for the patriotic church celebration.

LITTLE EDWARD BIXBY, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bixby, got possession of a bottle of iodine yesterday, and when discovered had about half of the poisonous chemical in his mouth. He was promptly given starch, which prevented any injurious results.

CALL on Hanks & Patterson when you want fine groceries, fresh eggs, butter and vegetables.

GO to Springfield on the excursion next Friday. It will be "Deatur Day" at the Mile meetings. Special services at 10 a. m., 2:45 p. m. and 8:30 p. m.

LAST evening Officer Williamson put Mr. and Mrs. John Brogan in the calaboose and there they will stay until the police take pity on them and let them out. The couple engaged in a fight and had to be separated in the cells. Mrs. Brogan will be held on an old execution.

J. LITTLE & CO. have a fresh supply of early vegetables and nice berries every day. Call there for table supplies.

W. F. JACOBS, of Ansony, the Illinois Central trainmaster, was at Bloomington Saturday to look after the starting of Barnum's train. He got caught between two cars and his hip was crushed. He was taken home on Monday.

SMOKE the "Gem."

SAR the "Friendship Rings," the latest novelty, at Otto E. Curtis & Bro's.

FOR CROCK.—See Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil according to directions. It is the best remedy for all sudden attacks of cold, pain and inflammation, and injuries.

CHINA calico will not wash, but Cole's Carbolic soap will. It relieves, preserves and beautifies the complexion, removes pimples and other blemishes, cures rash, itch and other irritations and soothingly heals all open sores.

THE Sons in Camp.

This week Capt. Frank Cassell and Lieutenants Brown and Martin, with the Decatur Camp, are cutting quite a swell at the Division Encampment of Sons of Veterans at Jacksonville. Thus far there have been some individual and some squad and company drilling, while a number of the Sons have visited the town and made a good many pleasant acquaintances with the citizens. The young men have so far passed the time very pleasantly, and are saving themselves for the greater days to come. Last evening a camp-fire was announced, and it served to attract a great many veterans as well as those of the younger generation. The evening was occupied with war songs, speeches, stories, and all were happy until a late hour. Yesterday afternoon Lieut. Col. Grailford, adjutant for the commander-in-chief, and one other Son were arrested for walking on the grass in the Jacksonville park. The case was dismissed by the city attorney after the case was on trial an hour.

AT THE BAR OF JUSTICE.

Al. McGoodwin in Court Again on a Serious Charge.

This has been a busy day at the office of Justice Curtis, which has been thronged with an elbowing crowd since an early hour this morning. The case on trial is The People vs. Albert McGoodwin, colored, who is charged in the state warrant with having attempted to criminally assault Mrs. Elizabeth Charnock, an English woman, wife of a coal miner. The warrant also charged highway robbery. The deed was committed on the night of May 12th, when it will be remembered the lady was assaulted at the corner of North Church and Packard streets, and robbed of a basket containing a bonnet. A few days ago McGoodwin, who is no stranger in the police courts, was identified positively by Mrs. Charnock as the man who had assaulted her, and he was promptly arrested by Marshal Mason.

The prosecution is being conducted by State Attorney Mills, while David Hatchison appears for the defendant. The witnesses for the prosecution have been Mrs. Charnock, who repeated the details of the assault, and was sharply cross-examined by Hatchison; the husband of the complaining witness, who told about coming to the scene of the assault with his lantern that night; Thomas Thomas, Short Line street, car motorman, who was at the scene soon after the negro fled, and Geo. W. Berry, who testified to finding the stolen bonnet on Edward street. Other witnesses for the people are to follow.

THE DEFENSE will have about twenty witnesses to testify in the effort to establish an alibi for McGoodwin, who claims to have been at his home that night all the evening after 5:30 o'clock caring for his invalid sister.

CASE IS COMING. Secretary Taylor, of the Decatur Trotting Association, has arranged by telegraph with the great horseman, J. I. Case, to bring his string of celebrated Trotters to the Central Illinois Circuit. There are 15 rapid steppers in the string, and they will be at the park July 15 to 18 during the races and give patrons exhibitions of wonderful speed. In that connection it will be of interest to state that for the \$1000 purse in the three minute class, Secretary Taylor has thus far received 14 entries. Oh, it will be a great week, and thousands of strangers will be in the city to enjoy the sport if the weather is favorable.

SALES OF REAL ESTATE.

John K. Warren to Archibald Tuttle, lot 5 in block 9 of Carver's addition to Decatur—\$400.

Abraham Trimmer to George Smith, a house and lot in Mac—\$1000.

Harry Stephenson to Abraham Trimmer, 15 acres of land northwest of Decatur—\$1250.

G. W. Handy to John K. Warren, lot 16 in block 1 in Durfee, Warren & Co.'s 1st addition—\$700.

Mary E. Leforge to Heaton I. Baldwin, lot 7 in block 3, in Higgins' addition to Decatur—\$1000.

THE Platt County Republicans held their county convention at Monticello yesterday. The congressional delegates elected were James Rodman, F. M. Jones, J. G. Keller, James A. Hanks and Benjamin Middleton. There were no instructions for Howell for Congress, but his course in Congress was endorsed. An attempt to instruct for him was voted down. It was the sentiment of the convention that the delegates should come to Decatur free to act on their best judgment. Julius A. Brown was endorsed for the legislative nomination.

ZOUAVE PROMOTIONS.

Owing to the resignation of Millard G. Hill as captain of the Decatur Zouaves, Murray Millikan was promoted to the head office, with Ed. Roe as first lieutenant, Will Housen as second lieutenant and Frank Hays as first sergeant.

DECATUR DAY AT SPRINGFIELD.

Mr. Mills sent a circular letter announcing the meetings for next Friday. Three meetings will be held during the day. Tickets of admission to these meetings will be distributed on the excursion train leaving here at 8 o'clock on Friday morning. Fare one dollar. 24-3

WHILE the Citizens' railway force was engaged this morning on Lincoln Square in bending the curved rails to the proper turn, a number of old soldiers looking on suggested that a few of "Sherman's bummers" could do the job up brown if they only had a tree. They remembered the march to the sea and the way they quivered railroad iron in short order in the south.

THERE will be a special meeting of the members of the Macedonia Baptist church at the new church building on North Broadway Wednesday evening. Business of importance affecting the interests of the church will be transacted, and all members are urged to be present.

MISS ANNA COX and Miss Gertrude L. Whitelaw will entertain the members of the Crescent lawn tennis club to-night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Cox, at 733 North Main street.

TICKETS for the Excursion to Springfield will be procured of Mr. D. H. Heitman, Mr. W. T. Wells, or at the book store of Mr. E. A. West. 33t

THERE is nothing like Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil to quickly cure a cold or relieve hoarseness. Written by Mrs. M. J. Fellows, Burr Oak, St. Joseph Co., Mich.

JOHN E. SWARTZ, fireman on the Washburn, was compelled to call upon Dr. Hostetter to have a cinder taken from his eye.

DISTRICT MESSENGER SERVICE.

Prompt service. Telephone 445; office at bicycle school. I. D. Swan, 323-2d.

SECRET SOCIETY MEETINGS.

MASONIC.

Regular assembly of Decatur Council No. 10, K. and S. Masters, this (Tuesday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock, for work. All companions in regular standing are invited.

A. M. WHELAN, T. I. M.

N. L. KROCK, Secretary.

REGULAR MEETING of Decatur Lodge No. 45, O. E. S., this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock at Odd Fellows' Hall. Work in the First Degree. Two candidates. A full attendance is desired. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to meet with us.

ASTORIAN LODGE, N. G.

L. M. MARTIN, Jr., Secretary.

MAGNETIC GROSSDALE.

\$125 buy lot in S. E. Gross' ideal suburb, Magnetic Grossdale, \$25 cash and \$5 monthly. Call on J. H. Gross, at the St. Nicholas hotel, and get further information.

S. E. GROSS.

SMOKE the old reliable K. & W. cigars, 24-3

THE MASON INQUEST.

Yesterday afternoon Coroner Bendure held an inquest on the body of George Mason who, while intoxicated, was struck by a Wabash passenger train near Oakland Park on Sunday night. The jury members were J. B. Bullard, B. N. Adams, A. T. Grist, Ed. Leach, W. J. Forbes and C. N. Wagonseller. The witnesses were W. M. Shockey, Frank Marsh and S. H. Ross, who testified to finding Mason at the side of the track below the cattle guard. The deceased had sat down before he died that he had been drinking beer and had sat down on the track near where he was found. The verdict of the jury was accidental death with no blame attached to the Wabash. The funeral of the deceased took place this forenoon, Rev. J. T. Finley officiating.

20 Years a Priest.

This is the 20th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Father Mackin as a priest, and this morning mass was celebrated at the Catholic church, where there was a very large attendance of the membership. This is also the last day of school at St. Theresa's Academy. As a compliment to Father Mackin, who is greatly beloved by the children, as well as all members of the parish, there was a special song service at the Academy and the good father was presented with gifts by the children.

GOING TO PIKESTONE.

To-day the excursion agent, Tom Penwell, left for Pikestone, Minnesota, with a party of excursionists. The party comprise George Nebinger, J. P. Smallwood, and Berry Scruggs, with a party from Pierson.

NIGHT DEATH'S DOOR.

Uncle David Florey, who was recently prostrated by an stroke, is lying in a dangerous state at his home, east of the city a few miles. Mr. Florey is probably the oldest surviving settler of Macon county. He is nearly 80 years of age.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. M. Young has returned from Bloomington.

Sheriff Matney was at Taylorville yesterday.

Mrs. M. M. Martin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Morgan in Ft. Wayne.

Will Henkle spent Sunday in Decatur. He has returned to Springfield.

Rev. James Miller is at Danville visiting with former parishioners.

Miss Lillian Eldridge is quite sick at her home in St. John's Place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ronney went to Dalton City this morning to visit relatives.

Mrs. Jennie Lemon, of Denver, Colo., is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Stafford.

E. W. Hale, C. C. Hale and E. S. Hale, of Cleveland, Ohio, were at the St. Nicholas today.

James Cappe, of Jacksonville, was the guest of Major George R. Steele and family yesterday.

Supt. Breas, of the Pacific Express company has returned from his business trip to Montreal.

S. T. Weir, special agent for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, is in the city.

Attorneys I. A. Buckingham and W. O. Johns and F. F. Patterson have returned from Springfield, Mo.

Mrs. George Bell and two of the Honson boys rode out to Harrison this morning on their bicycles.

Miss Mae Harwood departed today for Champaign, where she will visit Miss Eunice Niles for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elwood and Mrs. C. M. Prescott went to Chicago this morning to spend a few days.

Mrs. R. E. Morris, of Memphis, Tenn., will arrive in the city this evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Montgomery.

Attorney E. R. Eldridge came down from Chicago last night, being called here by the sudden illness of his daughter, Miss Lillian.

Will McClelland, James Lindsay, H. W. Shockey and Will Severs, members of Camp 13, left for Jacksonville this afternoon to attend the Sons of Veterans encampment.

Miss Annie Colegate, Mrs. J. D. McTaffey, and a leading resident of Broken Bow, Neb., will be united in marriage on July 1st, at Broken Bow. Miss Cole has visited Decatur frequently and has many friends in the city.

Ed. Kiny, accompanied by his mother, returned home this morning. They have been abroad for over a year, and have visited Germany, England and all the principal cities in Europe. They went for the benefit of Ed's health and he returns much improved.

Mrs. Elizabeth Betteiger, who has been absent from the city over a year, arrived in the city Sunday night from Birkville, Ill., where she has been visiting several months. Mrs. B. will make her home in Decatur, having secured apartments in the Park Hotel.

C. W. Pringle, of the Richards & Pringle Georgia, Mineral Springs, is in the city on a visit to relatives. William closed a very profitable tour of the west a few weeks ago, and will start out again July 26th to lookle the people in the south and gather in the glad dollars.

MCDONALD & LEFORAGE.

Decatur has a new legal firm, City Attorney E. S. McDonald and Charles C. Leforage, having formed a partnership for the practice of their profession. Both are energetic young men, well up in legal knowledge and practice, who have been going it alone, and now that they have pooled their issues and united their business and talents, they will come to the front as one as a law firm and command their share of legal patronage. Their offices are in Grand Opera House Block. Mac and Charley will prove a strong team in legal contests.

THE Mt. Zion Festival.

ED. REPUBLICAN.—Tom White Post, No. 229, and Camp No. 229, S. of V., at Mt. Zion, wish to say that their valuable paper that they received on last Friday evening was a grand success. The paper was well read and the news was very interesting. They are very glad to hear that the paper is so well received. They are very glad to hear that the paper is so well received. They are very glad to hear that the paper is so well received.

A CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. G. P. Whitehead and family desire to extend their heartfelt thanks to all dear friends who so kindly assisted them in their bereavement, and especially to Rev. Wagner and the choir, whose words and songs were so comforting.

DIARRHOEA, DYSENTERY, CHOLERA, FLUX.

Maguire's Bismarck Plant for nearly 50 years the infallible cure. Thousands of testimonials, induced by the Western Sanitary Commission, U. S. Army officers, hospital physicians, steamboat officers, etc. Taken in time a sure preventive of Asiatic cholera.

4th of July Excursion Rates.

The I. D. & W. Railway will sell excursion tickets to all points on its line and C. & H. D. R. R., at rate of One Fare for Round Trip. Tickets will be sold July 4th and 4th, good to return up to and including July 5th.

C. G. DORWIN, Gen. Agent, I. D. & W.

LOW RATE EXCURSION.

\$1.00 for the round trip, Decatur to Bloomington, the Watkins Glens of Indiana, the most picturesque and romantic spot west of the Alleghenies. On Sunday, June 23rd, the I. D. & W. R. R. will run a special train, leaving Decatur at 7 a. m., arriving at the Glens at 11 a. m. and returning to Decatur at 4 p. m. Tickets will be sold at 10 o'clock p. m. The above rate includes transportation to and from the Glens.

C. G. DORWIN, Gen. Agent, I. D. & W.

PENSIONS.

Call on O. R. Spence, Pension Attorney and Notary Public, when you have a pension or other war claim to present. June 10-11

REPUBLICANS IN COUNCIL.

Horace Clark, of Mattoon, Temporary Chairman.

EVERY COUNTY IN THE STATE ON DECK—COMMITTEES.

Amberg and Lindly Close for the Treasurership.

STATE CONVENTION.

(Special to the REPUBLICAN.)

SPRINGFIELD, June 24, 1 p. m.—The Republicans of Illinois met in convention at the state house to-day, with every county represented. Old-time enthusiasm prevailed, and, while the heat is oppressive, everybody is good natured and reasonably comfortable. The various candidates for the nomination for state treasurer have paraded at the hotel, likewise candidates for supreme and appellate court clerk.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

A temporary organization was effected by the election of Hon. Horace Clark, of Mattoon, as chairman, and Charles A. Partridge, of Waukegan, as secretary.

Mr. Clark delivered a ringing speech on taking the chair and aroused considerable enthusiasm of the right sort. A telegram from Senator Cullom was read. The Senator could not be present because of official duties at Washington.

THE COMMITTEES.

The convention committees were appointed and the Fourteenth District fixed as follows:

On Credentials—Charles S. Mansfield, of Platt County.

On Permanent Organization—Hon. Jason Rogers, of Macon county.

On Resolutions—J. L. Wright, of McLean county.

Members of Central Committee—E. D. Blain, of Logan county.

It was voted that all resolutions offered should go to the committee.

The committee on permanent organization will probably name Gen. John McNulta for permanent chairman.

The delegation for the Fourteenth District endorsed J. J. Finn, of Decatur, for Clerk of the Supreme Court, Central Grand Division.

The fight for the treasurership is between Amberg and Lindly, with the chances in favor of Amberg.

There is no known opposition to Dr. Edwards for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and he will doubtless be nominated by acclamation.

The convention will finish its work this evening.

DELEGATES AT THE CAPITAL.

Among the Decatur Republicans at Springfield to-day attending the state convention are the following named Macon county delegates: John A. Brown, A. H. Mittle, W. F. Callahan, Jason Rogers, Baker Nickerson, Jacob Hanes, J. B. Nowlin, O. M. Fletcher, Frank H. Quarry and S. S. Wallace.

Judge C. B. Smith, delegate from Champaign, who was in the city yesterday and gave the REPUBLICAN a call, left for the capital on the night train. Judge Hughes is also at the convention, while many other Republicans of the city are at Springfield to witness the work of the convention.

JUST BACK FROM PEORIA.

A young man from Mt. Zion named Cooper was one of the party that went to Peoria on the Sunday excursion train. He must have had a lively experience, one that he will remember for many a day. Last evening Officer Ed. Leach found Cooper lying in a drunken sleep convenient to an alley, with the sleep induced upon him lovingly. Basted to his feet, Cooper displayed a pair of black eyes, a skinned nose, and a mouth which looked as if it had been struck with a base ball bat. He had but a nickel in his pocket. Cooper was kept in the calaboose over night and was freed out of town this morning. Cooper is no stranger to the police. There are a half dozen fines standing against him on the docket of the justice.

LATER.—This afternoon Officer Leach found Cooper dead drunk in a wagon yard. He was landed in the cooler again.

EXCURSION TO SPRINGFIELD.

There will be an excursion to Springfield on Friday next at One Dollar for the round trip. Tickets parties and picnic parties will be welcomed, as well as those who go to see the capital. Leave here, Friday, June 27, 24-1

A new school house is to be built at Eldorado, four miles east of Decatur, specifications of which can be seen at C. L. Griswold & Co.'s hardware store, Decatur, or at J. Corman's, in the country, after Tuesday, June 24th.

You can never know till you try, how quickly a dose of Ayer's Pills will cure your sick headache. Your stomach and bowels need cleansing, and these pills will accomplish it more effectually and comfortably than any other medicine you can find.

S. E. GROSS & S. E. GROSS!!

Decatur people will do well to call at the St. Nicholas Hotel and examine maps and plate of S. E. Gross' valuable Chicago property. Mr. J. H. Gross has been appointed solicitor for the sale of S. E. Gross' property in this section and may be found at the St. Nicholas Hotel at 7 a. m. Every young man in Decatur who can command \$25 or upwards should secure one or more of S. E. Gross' valuable Chicago lots at once. Small payment down and balance monthly—easy payments.

A SWEEPING SALE

—OF—
Unprecedented Bargains!

In view of the changes following the Incorporation of the firm of LINN & SCRUGGS, Prices will be Greatly Reduced on Dry Goods, Carpets, Curtains, Wall Paper, Matting, Rugs and Remnants.

Persons wishing to Save Money will find it Greatly to their advantage to examine their Immense Stock of Dress Goods, Parasols, Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Corsets, Black Silk Lace Flouncings and Lace Nets.

Let it be borne in mind that we buy of Manufacturers and Importers and not of Retailers, and are therefore prepared to offer goods at the following prices:

HARTFORD BEST INGRAIN, Latest Patterns, 51c.
LOWELL BEST INGRAIN, Latest Patterns, 55c.
"ROXBURY" TAPESTRY, Latest Patterns, 70c.
BROMLEY'S BODY BRUSSELS, New Patterns, 90c.
LOWELL BODY BRUSSELS, New Patterns, \$1.05.

Silk Drapery Nets at 99c, 200 doz. Ladies' Pure Silk Jersey Mitts at 25c and 40c. 75 doz. Brilliant Corsets, at the low price of 48c, worth 75c.

200 doz. Colored Lisle Thread Hose at 25c, 35c and 40c, worth 75c.

2,000 yds Plain and Fancy India Linen, at 9c; Price has been 20c.

100 pieces Striped India Pongees, at 9c, worth 15c

After June 1, we close our store at 6 P.M., Except Saturday Nights.

MEN'S SUITS.

Tailor Made, Perfect Fitting, in Cassimeres, Worsted, Cheviots and Serges, at \$8, \$10, \$12, \$15 and \$16.50. Hundreds to select from.

OUR BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

The variety we show are all New, Nobby, Stylish suits, Plaided and Plain make, at \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4, \$5 and up to \$12. Large Assortment to select from.

Base Ball and Bat Given with Each Suit.

BOYS' BLOUSE WAISTS.

Boys' separate Knee Pants, Flannel Shirts, Silk Shirts, Madras Cloth Shirts, Underwear, Night Robes, Fancy and White Vests.

OTTENHEIMER & CO.,

Decatur's Leading One-Price Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers, 135 EAST MAIN ST.



H. MUELLER & SONS.

Plumbers, Steam & Gas Fitters.

ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR THE BEST OF GOODS and the Best of Work done for the Least Money.

PLUMBING. Careful and Scientific Study of the Best Principles and Latest Scientific Improvements, and the Best of Work done by the Best of Workmen, at Reasonable Figures, have Established our REPUTATION.

ESTIMATES AND SPECIFICATIONS Promptly. FREE OF CHARGE.

GAS FIXTURES. No need to go away from home to buy your Fixtures and Globes. Our Stock is worthy of a CITY LIKE OURS. To see the Goods would be to Appreciate them.

Services a Specialty.

Water run into lots and houses. Quick, Cheap, and Guaranteed, and this is what you want.

GARDEN HOSE. From 5 CENTS a foot up to 22 CENTS, at your own Prices. Now is the time to buy. Our Stock is the Largest in CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

TELEPHONE 66.

Excursion to Indianapolis.

On account of the increasing of the holidays, the excursion to Indianapolis, July 1st, 1904, will be held on July 1st, 1904, at 10:00 a.m. from Decatur, Ill., via Chicago, Ind., and return on July 3rd, 1904, at 10:00 a.m. from Chicago, Ind., to Decatur, Ill. The excursion will be held on the following terms: Round trip tickets, including hotel and breakfast, \$1.00. Single tickets, including hotel and breakfast, \$0.50. Children under 10 years of age, \$0.25. Children 10 to 15 years of age, \$0.40. Children 15 to 20 years of age, \$0.50. Children 20 years of age and over, \$1.00. The excursion will be held on the following terms: Round trip tickets, including hotel and breakfast, \$1.00. Single tickets, including hotel and breakfast, \$0.50. Children under 10 years of age, \$0.25. Children 10 to 15 years of age, \$0.40. Children 15 to 20 years of age, \$0.50. Children 20 years of age and over, \$1.00.

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FIJIAN BREAD.

The Native Manufacture of the Fruit of the Breadfruit Tree.

The first mention of the breadfruit reveals the mutiny of the Bounty, whose mission was to transplant this tree from Tahiti, to the early navigators called it, to Jamaica. In his dangerous voyage in an open boat Bligh sailed against this Fiji group with a gale raging at his back. He passed a cable filled with natives, and as he hurried by the natives stood up and pointed to the loom of land to the southward and shouted "My-wallah," but what in the world this may mean the man does not live who can tell. Baked or boiled, the fruit is a starchy, somewhat sticky vegetable, with no earthly resemblance to bread. It differs from the yam in that it may not be preserved for future use, but in its natural state must be eaten at once. It is preserved, it is, after a peculiar distressing fashion, not at all pleasant to the civilized taste.

The ripe fruit is stripped of its sticky rind and is grated on blocks of coral, and when reduced to a shapeless mass is vigorously pounded with a pestle in a wooden mortar. While some are thus preparing the pulp others are engaged in digging pits on the beach about half a mile apart, each pit of about a bushel capacity and lined with banana leaves. Each of these pits is then filled with the pulped breadfruit packed hard, the stones are thrown back upon it, and a little heap marks the spot where the duty is preserved. Twice every day the tide comes in, and the duty is covered with water, and is left for at least four months, for the short of the expiration of that time the piece is not considered at its best, the limit in the other direction being certainly not less than a year.

As need for the food arises the pits are opened, and then the reek of rotteness spreads down the wind. The process of preserving is but that of decay aided by the sea water, and it is naturally results that the preservative results to the skin which is the most delicate. Little do the Fijians care for this smell, on which they have been nourished, though to the best man's gorge would rise at a cave or high close such as is in favor with us. The fruit that went into the pit as a pulp comes out as thick custard, and is molded into little cakes of the size of a man's hand and each, wrapped in banana leaves, is put into a pit and sealed.

After cooking the distinctive odor appears to be redoubled, but the cake is sweet and extremely pleasant to the taste if only its nose can be coerced into giving up its lively repugnance to that which goes beneath it to the mouth. This is the media in vin, the Fijian bread, which is everywhere eaten and which is the staple of the island.

A Primitive Timekeeper. Now and then the explorer among primitive people happens upon a "find" which strikingly illustrates that necessity is only the mother of invention, but that there is a strong family likeness among the various races. An Englishman, while visiting Great Sand, one of these islands of the Indian Ocean known as the "Celebes," or Spice Islands, lodged at the house of a Rajah.

In front of the house was a veranda, in the corner of which stood a sentry, whose business it was to keep the time for the village, by the aid of a primitive sundial.

Two bottles were firmly fastened together month to month, and fixed in a wooden frame, made to stand upright in a veranda position. A quantity of black sand from one bottle into the other in just half an hour, and when the upper bottle was empty the frame was reversed.

The short sticks, marked with notches from one to twelve, were hung upon a string. A hook was placed behind the stick bearing the number of notches corresponding to the hour last struck and the one to be struck next. The sentry announced the time by striking the notches on a large gong. —Montreal Star.

Little Kate was one of those children who turned their parents with interest and amusing anecdotes. The Sunday afternoon she came to her mother and said, "I have a little story. Her mother was sitting, but Kate begged hard, and at last said, 'If you will tell me a Bible story first, mamma, then I will tell you my story, too.'"

Her mother related the story of Samson and the lion, and of the bees which came and stung their honey in the lion's den.

And now what is the Bible story you are going to tell me?" she asked.

With perfect gravity Kate began at the beginning and repeated the story which had just been told to her, using almost the same words. Her mother listened to her, and then said, "That is the very story I told you. Do you think that is true?"

"Yes, mamma," the child answered quickly, "this isn't the same story at all, for my bees were bumble bees." —Youth's Companion.

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